

Spot And Avoid In-Game Phishing Links

Plain-English how-to. ~10 minutes to read; lifetime payoff.

Spot in-game phishing patterns and verify links safely.

Print, share, and re-run quarterly.

Do This Right Now

#	STEP
1.	Pattern 1: 'Free skin / currency' — always scam.
2.	Pattern 2: 'I'm a moderator' — always scam.
3.	Pattern 3: 'Tournament scout' DM — always scam.
4.	Pattern 4: 'Trade via this site' — always scam.
5.	Pattern 5: 'Free cheat / leaked file' — malware.
6.	Hover-preview every URL.
7.	The 30-second pause stops most scams.
8.	Teach the patterns to kids and friends.

Why This Matters

- In-game chat is a trust-rich environment: you're in the same lobby, on the same team, sharing a moment. Scammers exploit that good
- Younger players are the biggest target — kids and teens have spending power (via parents) but limited security training. A successful
- The defense isn't technical — it's behavioral. Knowing what phishing looks like in a game context turns the obvious ones into background